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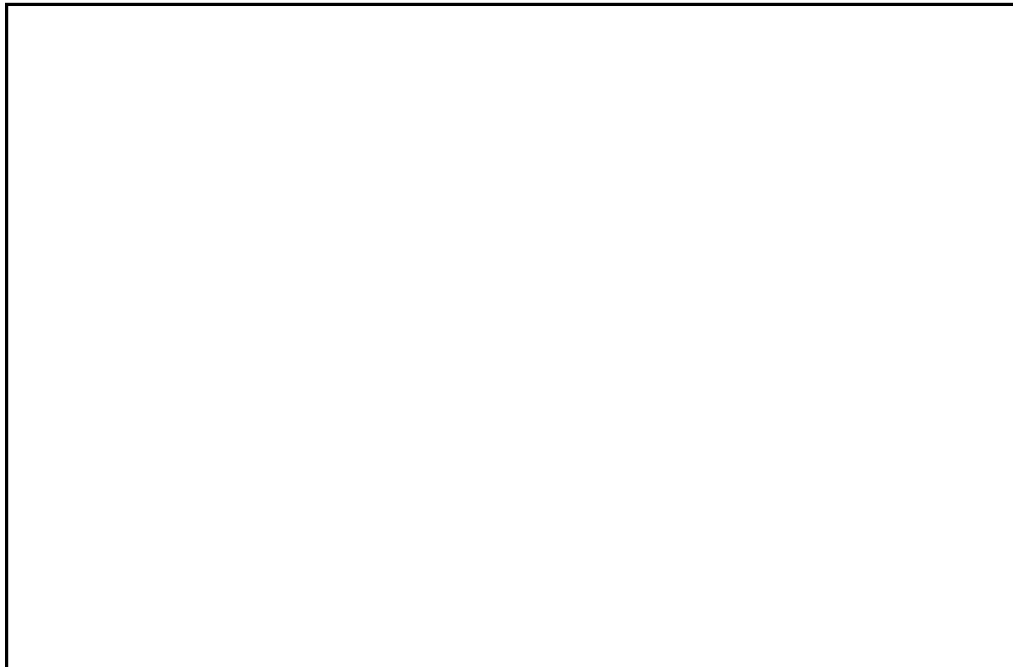
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*South Vietnam: Khanh's authority in the new temporary government remains obscure.

In a press conference on 29 August, Acting Premier Oanh left the impression that Khanh, now at the resort town of Dalat, required prolonged medical treatment for physical and mental illness. [Prior to meeting reporters, Oanh strongly implied to US Deputy Ambassador Johnson that Khanh was finished politically, but that the facade of the Khanh government was being maintained.]

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[These conflicting accounts reflect the continuing struggle for power among members of the current government. Despite his professed support for Khanh, Khiem may be maneuvering to try to undermine the influence of his colleagues in the triumvirate. There are indications that Khiem may have the support of military officers and politicians of the Dai Viet Party,

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whose civilian leaders have publicly rebutted Khanh's charges against them and predicted new agitation if Khanh retains power.

Saigon and the other recently troubled urban centers are reported calm. Khiem, as commander-in-chief of the armed forces, issued a communique yesterday warning that the military would assist police in meeting any further disorders with "direct and strict anti-violence techniques."

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